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**NAPERVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB**

**AUGUST 2017**



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**A somebody was once a nobody who  
wanted to and did.**

**- John Burroughs**

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

An Afternoon at Casey's

On Saturday, July 15, Ken and I spent six hours selling raffle tickets at Casey's. We followed Lion Jim Ebers who was there for the first four hours. Combined, the three of us sold 120 tickets over the ten-hour period and raised about \$1,100 - a very good day.

It is interesting how some people come up to you and say that their father was a Lion and that they know how much good we do in the community and then they buy a ticket in remembrance of their father. You also encounter some folks who have no idea what the Lions even represent. It is really heartwarming when you encounter someone parking in a handicap parking slot and shuffling to the store hanging onto a walker, but still stops to buy a ticket, and then wants to talk for five minutes.

While a lot of people walk right past you without any acknowledgment, a lot of these same folks then stop afterwards to ask what we are up to and wind up buying a ticket. Quite a few customers comment that when you shop at Casey's, you can almost always expect a group outside trying to raise funds for a good cause. I cannot say enough good things about Casey's and their community spirit.

**The Central Park Band Concert  
Bake Sale**

Lion Bob Hull has been very diligent about getting our bake sale organized for July 27<sup>th</sup>. All the support that you have given him is certainly appreciated. While we originally thought of the bake sale as a way to generate publicity for the Lions Club, the profit it generates will help to offset the reduced profits from the funnel cake sales.

**Remember WE SERVE**

**Lion Linda Strugalla, President**

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**The reward of suffering is experience.**

**- Harry S. Truman**

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### **Club News and Guest Speakers**

#### **FIFTH TUESDAYS**

The club will now meet every Tuesday, including the fifth Tuesday of each month.

#### **RIBFEST**

For the 29<sup>th</sup> straight year, our club sold funnel cakes at the Naperville Ribfest from June 30-July 3. While the weather was beautiful and the volunteers were eager, we unfortunately had one of our worst money-earning years ever.

This year, a total of 57 individuals volunteered, working a total of 108 shifts (467 hours). This included 21 Lions working 59 shifts and 36 volunteers working 49 shifts.

Despite having such eager workers and terrific product, the venue worked against us. The crowds were consolidated to the other side of the park (which was even closed off during the first night). As such, many attendees never made it down to our area. Our best night was on July 3, when the park was open to everyone for free for the fireworks show.

The gross receipts from this year's event were \$10,680.53. After expenses, the net profit was

\$4,876.12. That is a 63.9% decline over the last four years.

At this time, the club has tabled a discussion on whether to return to Ribfest again in 2018.

Despite the poor result, Lion Steve Hertzberg ran another seamless funnel cake operation and the club could not be more thankful.

#### **LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AND PARADE**

Lion Jim Woodring spent some of his Fourth of July holiday weekend attending the Lions International Convention in Chicago. He was also joined by Lion Yllena Sinclair for the parade. Lion Jim noted that there were 30,500 Lions from 110 countries in Chicago for the convention.



**Lion Yllena with the Peace Poster banner**

Lions Jim and Yllena marched in the parade along State Street holding the Peace Poster banner. They marched immediately in front of the Naperville North Marching Band, which our club sponsored.

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Lion Jim was amazed at the ornate and colorful costumes worn by many of the attendees. He was an unsuspecting participant in the pin-trading that occurred at the convention. He was surprised when Lions from other countries would approach him and begin removing pins right from his vest. He eventually purchased extra pins as to be better prepared.



**Naperville North Marching Band**

Lion Jim also attended a few presentations in the convention hall. He was impressed with the translation services that were provided for non-English speakers in real time using a portable radio.

### **DISTRICT 1-J GOLF OUTING**

The annual District 1-J Golf Outing was held on July 27 at Hughes Creek Golf Club in Elburn. The event saw 74 total golfers, as well as two foursomes from our club. Lions Steve Hertzberg, Jim Ebers, Meghen Williams, and Chris Williams participated. Bill Wilson, husband of Lion Maria Wilson, was also on hand.



**Naperville Noon Lions Golf Team**

Weather was perfect and everyone had a great time before hurriedly heading over to the band concert bake sale. Unfortunately, no club members won any contests this year, as those were dominated by the West Chicago Lions Club who had more than 30 members golfing.

### **NAPERVILLE MUNICIPAL BAND CONCERT BAKE SALE**

The weather was perfect and over 1,000 concertgoers were on hand on July 27 to hear the music of the Naperville Band. NNLC hosted the bake sale at the concert with delicious pies, brownies, poppy seed cakes, chocolate covered pretzels, popcorn, and many other items.

Seventeen members of the club volunteered to work at the bake sale or bake goods for the sale. In addition, George and Linda Villa, members of the National Federation of the Blind, the Tolentino Family, and Braconi's Restaurant also provided baked goods.

Lion Steve Hertzberg took a break from his enthusiastic cymbal playing

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to give a short announcement about the Lions from the bandstand. He gave a brief history of how the band and Lions Club members have intersected over time, including Mayor George Pradel.

Several raffle tickets were sold and a number of used eye glasses were collected. Thank you to all that volunteered.

We sold approximately \$1,200 of baked goods and should net about \$1,000. Final results will be available soon.

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**The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up.**

**- Mark Twain**

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### **Luncheon Speakers**

#### **OPERATION SUPPORT OUR TROOPS**

Bob Beck, who is a ten-year member of Operation Support Our Troops (OSOT), was our guest speaker on July 11. OSOT, which is a 501(c)(3) organization, was founded in 2003 for the purpose of providing comfort, resources, and education to our troops and their families. Their mission is accomplished by providing a link between the citizens and military personnel so that everyone has the opportunity to express their support.

OSOT sends comfort packages of items that are not readily available to

our troops in their deployed locations, along with personal letters, cards, and notes of support from the community. There are over 500 volunteers that support the care package mission and provide over 10,000 hours each year. Mr. Beck stated that over the last 13 years, two million pounds of various items have been distributed.

OSOT follows the guidelines of the Department of Defense with respect to mailing or sending packages to our Troops overseas and never sends unsolicited packages. Every package is sent at the request of military persons or family. Another program provided by OSOT is entitled "Leap of Faith". This program assists families of fallen service members live life fully in a way that honors the life of their service member. Other programs offered include yoga and assistance with finding jobs.

#### **GIVING DUPAGE**

Shefali Trivedi, Executive Director of Giving DuPage was also our guest speaker on July 11. The mission of Giving DuPage is to promote giving and volunteering in DuPage County. The organization was started as a volunteer center at DuPage County with a phone hotline and volunteer referral service. It formally began as Giving DuPage in 2001 and started by 2 local philanthropists. The current role of Giving DuPage is to connect volunteers and donors with local opportunities.

Giving DuPage provides many opportunities for individuals and

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organizations. Non-profit organizations can post their volunteer needs on the Giving DuPage website, Individuals can establish a volunteer portal to search for volunteer opportunities, volunteers are recognized at the "Volapolooza" annual breakfast, individuals can run and support other organizations by participating in the "DuPage Human Race" (a 5K run), attend NIU civic leadership academy or attend Front Line Families an AmeriCorp program, which engages and trains veteran service members and their families to become volunteer leaders in the community.

Ms. Trivedi indicated that the number one reason people do not volunteer is that they do not know there is a need by an organization for volunteers. Giving DuPage gives these individuals the opportunity to find those volunteer needs. There are over 3,500 not-for-profit organizations in DuPage County. The need for volunteers is great, she indicated.

As part of their mission to promote giving and volunteering throughout DuPage County an annual giving guide is published. This guide lists over 200 local non-profit organizations (including NNLC) and is distributed by the Daily Herald each September to over 19,500 DuPage subscribers.

Giving DuPage is located at 421 North County Farm Road in Wheaton. There web-site is [www.givingdupage.com](http://www.givingdupage.com).

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**It has been my experience that folks who have no vices have very few virtues.**

**- Abraham Lincoln**

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### **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

The Board of Directors met on July 25, 2017 at Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Home in downtown Naperville. The following is a summary of the Board's actions and discussions. All members are welcome to attend the Board meetings, which start at 7:30 a.m. The next Board meeting will be held on August 22, 2017.

Approved the Club and Foundation minutes for the meeting of June 27, 2017.

The Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2017 was deferred until the August 22, 2017 meeting.

Approved the Social Service Report as of July 25, 2017. There were 22 new cases opened for the month.

Approved donation to National Alliance Mental Illness (NAMI) in support of their 5K run in the amount of \$1,000.

Approved full membership of Dick Lehman.

Discussed the following events: Bake Sale, Raffle, Turkey Trot, and Candy Day. Candy Day will be held on October 13-14.

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Discussed the removal of the eye glass collection box, which has been located at the Naperville Township Office. The Township has requested that we relocate the box. They will continue to collect used eye glasses and place a sign in their window that they are a collection site. Alternative locations will be sought for the box.

Approved the cost of a shelf to be located in the Pradel Room at Braconi's. The self will be used to place various plaques, which honor the Naperville Noon Lions Club and Naperville Noon Lions Foundation.

Discussed the results of this year's funnel cake sales at Rib Fest. Net proceeds will be lower than what was expected. Net income was \$4,876 or a decrease of 64% from the average for the last four years. Consideration was given to possible withdrawal from this event as the return was not sufficient for the amount of work that is put into the event. A decision to withdraw was tabled until the December 2017 Board meeting.

Approved the renewal of the domain name for "napervillenoons.org" in the amount of \$38.

Discussed a possible fundraising event in connection with Iron Gate Auto Condos. It was concurred that additional information was needed and it would be explored for the future.

Discussed the possibility of adding a luncheon on the fifth Tuesday of the month. This item was deferred until the next meeting.

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**Laws are like sausages, it is better not to see them being made.**

**- Otto von Bismarck**

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## **GUESTS**

On July 11, Dick Lehman was our guest. Dick is a resident of Naperville and has submitted his application to become our newest member. Lion Lynn Miller was also our guest on July 11. Lynn is the president of the Naperville Evening Lions Club.

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**You will never win if you never begin.**

**- Helen Rowland**

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## **COMING EVENTS**

**August 1** – Susan Delano from the Renew Project will be our guest speaker.

**August 8** – Chip DeBlois from JUST of DuPage will be our guest speaker. JUST is a nonprofit organization working to meet the needs of inmates in the DuPage County Jail and their families.

**August 15** – Julie & Gavin Staab will be our guest speakers. Julie is Lion Al Knotek's daughter and Gavin is his grandson. They will be on hand to give the club an update on Gavin's

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development in spite of Angelman Syndrome.

**August 22** – Business Meeting.

**August 29** – Speaker TBD



### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

The following members have a service anniversary in **August** and they are:

**Lion Jim Baird (1)**  
**Lion James Gilliard (3)**  
**Lion Paul Rewerts (14)**

The following members have a birthday in **August** and they are:

**Lion Donna Kearney – August 1**  
**Lion Bill McManus – August 11**  
**Lion Nick Stanitz – August 13**

Best wishes and congratulations to these members. If your information is missing or incorrect please contact **Lion Jane Bowers** to make additions or corrections.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

August 1 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's  
August 8 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's  
August 15 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's  
August 22 - Board of Directors meeting  
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August 29 - Luncheon meeting at Braconi's

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### OFFICERS

President – Lion Linda Strugalla  
1<sup>st</sup> VP – Lion Jim Woodring  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Vacant

Secretary – Lion Jane Bowers  
Treasurer – Lion Bill Bleecker  
Director – Lion Jim Ebers  
Director – Lion Maria Wilson  
Director – Lion Ken Strugalla  
Director – Lion Donna Kearney  
Director – Lion Bob Hull  
Director – Lion Phil Barnum  
Membership – Lion Rich Williams  
Immediate Past President – Lion Steve Hertzberg

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### Appointed Positions and Committee Chairs:

Dues Secretary – Lion Richard Williams  
Tail Twister – Rotating  
Lion Tamer – Rotating  
Chaplain – At Large  
Social Services – Lion Paul Rewerts  
Peace Poster Contest – Lion Yllena Sinclare  
Program Director – Lion Meghen Williams  
Donations Committee Chair – Lion Ken Strugalla  
Diabetes Awareness – Lion Meghen Williams  
Publicity – Lion Bob Hull  
Hospitality – Vacant  
RibFest – Lion Steve Hertzberg  
Candy Day – Lion Jim Ebers  
Summer Raffle – Lion Ken Strugalla  
Turkey Trot – Lions Jim Alagna and Donna Kearney  
Sight & Sound – Lion Al Knotek  
Counter Mints – Lion Steve Hertzberg  
Investment Committee – Lions Bill Bleecker, Steve Hertzberg and Al Knotek  
Newsletter – Lion Chris Williams  
Social Media – Lion Chris Williams

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